

EXHIBIT A

Proposed Order

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

BIG LOTS, INC, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-11967 (JKS)

(Jointly Administered)

Re: Docket No. _____

**ORDER ALLOWING AND DIRECTING PAYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE
EXPENSE CLAIM OF MAPLES INDUSTRIES, INC.**

Upon consideration of the motion (the “Motion”)² of Maples Industries, Inc. (“Maples”) for entry of an order (this “Order”) pursuant to section 503(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code for allowance and payment of an administrative expense claim; and the Court having found that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334(b) and 157, and the Standing Order; and this Court having found that venue of the Chapter 11 Cases and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that this matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and this Court having found that it may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that notice of the Motion has been given as set forth in the Motion and that such notice is adequate and no other or further notice need be given; and the Court having found and determined that the

¹ The debtors and debtors in possession in these chapter 11 cases (hereafter, “Debtors”) are as follows: Great Basin, LLC (6158); Big Lots, Inc. (9097); Big Lots Management, LLC (7948); Consolidated Property Holdings, LLC (0984); Broyhill LLC (7868); Big Lots Stores - PNS, LLC (5262); Big Lots Stores, LLC (6811); BLBO Tenant, LLC (0552); Big Lots Stores - CSR, LLC (6182); CSC Distribution LLC (8785); Closeout Distribution, LLC (0309); Durant DC, LLC (2033); AVDC, LLC (3400); GAFDC LLC (8673); PAFDC LLC (2377); WAFDC, LLC (6163); INFDC, LLC (2820); Big Lots eCommerce LLC (9612); and Big Lots F&S, LLC (3277).

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish sufficient cause for the relief granted herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is GRANTED as set forth herein.
2. Maples is hereby allowed an administrative expense claim under and pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503 in the amount of \$1,000,442.15 (the “Allowed Claim”).
3. The Debtors are hereby directed to pay Maples the Allowed Claim within seven days of the entry of this Order.
4. Nothing in this Order shall prejudice the rights of Maples to seek additional relief or assert further claims related to the matters set forth in the Motion or otherwise.
5. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order.